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Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

The Josiah Macy, Jr., Foundation has decided to sponsor a five year series of annual conferences on human genetics, of which Dr. James V. Neel will serve as chairman. Dr. Neel is currently in Japan on a series of investigations, but before his recent departure he asked me to extend to you an invitation to become a regular member of this conference series.

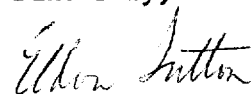
The Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation conferences offer a unique opportunity for a group of approximately twenty-five scientists, representing as many as possible of the branches of science which bear upon the chosen medical or health problem to meet for informal exchange of research experience and data, current viewpoints and suggestions for future research. These conferences, in contrast to the usual scientific gathering, are organized to give the major portion of time to informal discussion and not to the presentation of formal papers. Each of the full day sessions is opened with an introductory statement (lasting about 20-30 minutes) by a member or guest which is designed to orient the group to a specific topic, to emphasize unsolved technical and conceptual problems, and to stimulate a lively discussion period. The conferences are recorded and are published after each participant has had a chance to edit his remarks.

The first of these conferences will be on biochemical genetics and will begin with cocktails and dinner and an evening session on Monday October 19, 1959, to be followed by three daily sessions ending the afternoon of October 22. The specific topics which have been proposed for discussion are the relationship of nucleic acids to protein synthesis, the nature and control of protein specificity, and mechanisms for altering the expression of biochemical traits. As usual, this conference will be held at the Nassau Tavern, Princeton, New Jersey.

Participants will be guests of the Foundation throughout the conference and vouchers for reimbursement of traveling expenses will be distributed at the meeting. Since the friendly association of the participants throughout the entire meeting is essential to its success, it is expected that those accepting the invitation to attend the conference will be present at each scientific session, as well as at the cocktail party and meals.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to join this conference group for the series of annual meetings. If you have any questions I shall be happy to answer them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eldon Sutton".

H. Eldon Sutton  
Editor

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cc. Dr. F. Fremont-Smith